Provisions for Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban as Directed by Sunnyvale City Council at November 16, 2010 Council Meeting

Direct staff to prepare a Single-Use Carryout Bag ordinance that:

- o bans the distribution of all single-use carryout bags
- o applies the ban to:
 - Large Supermarkets and Pharmacies >10,000 square feet
 - Other Large Retailers
 - Other Food and Beverage Stores
- o allows an exception to the ban if retailers package customer purchases in Green Paper Bags (bags containing at least 40% recycled paper content), so long as the retailer charges the customer a separately displayed mandatory charge of at least fifteen cents per bag, with 100% of the fee to be retained by the retailer
- takes effect on the second Wednesday of a month no less than six months following second reading of the ordinance
- Exempts from the mandatory charge customers participating in the California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and customers participating in the Supplemental Food Program (food stamps)
- In its definitions considers the size and thickness of bags and specifies that bags provided should have toxic-free content and a preference for bags made in the US
- Considers covering all retailers

Approve Budget Modification No. 18 to establish a Special Project "CEQA for Single-Use Bag Ordinance" in the amount of \$100,000, with funding to be split between the Wastewater Fund and the Solid Waste Fund.